

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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AUGUST 10, 1842.

Ordered to be printed.—To accompany Senate bill 129.

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Mr. TAPPAN submitted the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Private Land Claims have again had under consideration the bill for the relief of Joseph Campau, with the accompanying papers, and ask leave to report :*

This case was recommitted on the supposition that new and important evidence was to be laid before the committee. The new evidence is first a certificate proving that Theodore Williams was a justice of the peace on the 2d May, 1838, and a certificate of R. A. Forsyth, Register of the Land Office at Detroit, of his opinion that this claim "must have been regularly presented" to the consideration of the board appointed under the act of March 3, 1807, for the adjustment of private land claims.

This claim is founded on the assertion, that it was submitted to the commissioners and was confirmed by them, although accident has prevented their making a return of it. The main fact in the case, that it was submitted to the commissioners, is wholly without proof, although it seems to have been surveyed by Greely, who was the surveyor of such claims. But it is affirmed by the petitioner that this claim was in fact submitted to the commissioners, and that they reported in favor of it. Beside, it is suggested by Mr. Forsyth, the register, that the record of such report was probably lost when Detroit was surrendered to the British, in 1812, from the fact that the only book retaining the record of the acts of the board of commissioners closes with an adjournment to a subsequent day, and no minutes of any meeting at such subsequent day now existing, the assertion of the petitioner seems probably true.

These considerations have induced the committee to revise this case and examine whether, in case the claimant had laid this claim before the commissioners, it would have been confirmed, and they find that Joseph Laurent Griffand, under a conveyance from whom the petitioner claims, occupied and improved the land in question prior to and on the 1st day of July, 1796, and that such occupancy was continued to March 3, 1807, and that, therefore, the claimant, as assignee of said Griffand, would have been entitled to a confirmation of his title to the land. They, therefore, report the bill, with a recommendation that it do pass.

Thomas Allen, print.

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The work of the Committee during the year 1900 has been directed towards the completion of the report on the progress of the work during the year 1900. The Committee has been fortunate in having secured the cooperation of a large number of the most able and experienced workers in the field, and has been able to complete the report in a most satisfactory manner. The report is divided into two main parts, the first of which deals with the work of the Committee during the year 1900, and the second with the work of the Committee during the year 1901. The first part of the report is divided into three sections, the first of which deals with the work of the Committee during the year 1900, the second with the work of the Committee during the year 1901, and the third with the work of the Committee during the year 1902. The second part of the report is divided into two sections, the first of which deals with the work of the Committee during the year 1900, and the second with the work of the Committee during the year 1901. The report is a most valuable and interesting document, and is well worth a careful study by all those who are interested in the work of the Committee.